

HIGHLIGHTS

Edna Anderson overcomes handicap

Edna Williams Anderson, wife of Bill Anderson of Rt. 2 Vanceboro, was born in 1945. At six weeks of age, doctors discovered that she had been born without hip sockets. Because of this, she had no control over her legs. Two years later, Edna's sister, Brenda, was born with the same condition.

The girls were two of five children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of the Wilmar Community. Mr. Williams died in 1950 leaving the care of the five children to his wife, Ora Mae.

The Beaufort County Shrine Club soon learned of the family's situation. In the customary manner of that distinguished group, they immediately took action to insure the best possible care for the two girls and their family. Within days the girls were admitted to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled



Mrs. Edna Anderson

Children in Greenville, South Carolina.

The highly skilled staff went to work at once. Orthopedic specialists decided to try and fuse the hip and leg bones together so that the legs could be controlled. In Edna's case this took nine operations.

Surgeons placed a steel rod and pins through her hip bones. All of the hospital expenses and doctor's bills were paid by the Shriner's.

Edna took her first step on her sixth birthday. Many years of struggle and pain followed. However, her efforts have paid off.

With the add of crutches, she can now walk. In 1969 and 1970, Edna attended a beautician school and earned her license to practice. In 1970 she married Bill Anderson and a year later gave birth to a beautiful, baby daughter, Billie Jo, who will start in the third grade at Farm Life this fall.

Edna does not let her handicap interfere with her life style. She does her own housework and tends her garden each summer. She has her driver's license and does just about anything that she wants to do. Edna is very thankful to the Shriners for their help and financial support, which made it possible for her to lead a normal life. Her case proves once again what the Shriners have always believed, "Man never stands so straight, as when he stoops to help a crippled child."

Board rejects housing plan

By Connie Bryan

At their meeting on August 9, the Vanceboro Board of Aldermen turned down a proposal from East Carolina Regional Housing Authority to build 50 housing units for low rent public housing. Mr. James Dudley, who represented the Housing Authority, stipulated that the town would have to provide water and sewer lines, as well as police protection and garbage collection.

After reviewing and discussing the resolution agreement, the following motion was submitted by Alderman Alton Whitley, "That the Town of Vanceboro does not, at this time, have the necessary funds to take on a project of this size. Also, tax revenues from said project would not compensate for garbage collection and police protection that would be

required, therefore the board will not adopt said agreement." The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Commenting on the decision, Mayor Jimmie Morris stated, "It is generally agreed that more housing is needed in Vanceboro, but the board would like to get the full amount of taxes out of it." He explained that with the suggested housing a limited amount of tax revenue would be returned to the town, but with a private concern there could be \$10,000-\$12,000 in revenue. He added that a private concern might provide better management, since they had a personal interest in the project. According to Morris, the board will consider bids from private concerns before making a final decision.

JWC winds up successful year

By Connie Bryan

The Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club held its August meeting last Monday night at the home of Mrs. Peggie Mills. The program for the evening, which was sponsored by the Conservation and Home Life Departments, was on conserving energy through the use of small appliances. Susan Nobles, Craven County Home Extension Agent, presented the most informative program. During the business session, the following slate of officers were elected: Sharon Bland, president; Terri Beaman, vice-president; Sandra McCandless, secretary; Paula Jordan, treasurer; Peggie Mills, chaplain; and Connie Bryan, parliamentarian.

Reports on the year's activities were given by each of the retiring department heads. Highlights of this year's projects included the Charter Ceremony, the Spring Fashion Show, the Yard Beautification Contest,

and the Volunteers in the School reception.

In other action, members voted by secret ballot for the Junior Clubwoman of the Year Award. This award will be presented at the Club's Installation and Induction ceremony on August 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the backyard of Mrs. Sallie Morris. It was decided that the public would be invited.

Plans were also made for an Outdoor Fashion show featuring fall fashions from Cora's Four Seasons. The fashion show is scheduled for September 22, and will be held in the side yard of Mrs. Ann Lancaster. It was also decided that a \$100. scholarship will be presented to a West Craven Senior during the Fashion Show.

A Holiday House with Christmas gifts and decorations will be sponsored by the club. It is scheduled for the first week in December. More details will be announced at a later date.



NEW PRESIDENT— Sharon Bland (right) is the newly elected president of the Vanceboro Junior Woman's Club. She is shown here with Mrs. Ann Lancaster, club advisor, during the last spring's Fashion Show. (Highlights file photo)



Cheryl Jordan



Carolyn Whitford

Two local students attend special ECU classes

Cheryl Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Jordan of Vanceboro, and Carolyn Whitford, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitford of Ernul, were among fourteen North Carolina high school students that participated in a special pre-college program at East Carolina University from June 27-August 2. They were allowed to take up two courses for which they received regular college credits.

To qualify for this special program, the students must have SAT or PSAT scores of 900 or more and be in the top 15% of

their class. They are invited on the basis of recommendations by their high school counselors and principals.

This program, which is in its second year, is designed to offer rising high school seniors an academic challenge while simultaneously providing a true college living experience. Participants resided on campus and took part in all university activities. They were permitted to choose from a variety of academic disciplines. Cheryl took math and psychology, while Carolyn signed up for math and history.

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